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SUBJECT: INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY COORDINATION FOR CONFERENCE ON
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION

1. DURING LUNCH TODAY, EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR
FOREIGN RELATIONS WELLENSTEIN DISCUSSED WITH DCM HIS REACTIONS
TO RECENTLY CONCLUDED IEC PREPCON AND INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY
FOLLOW-UP. HE SAID THAT, DESPITE LATE HOURS INVOLVED,
GENERAL ATMOSPHERE DURING LAST WEEK'S PREPCON WAS CHARACTER-
IZED BY HIGHLY POSITIVE, CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH ON BEHALF OF
ALL DELEGATIONS PRESENT. HE WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH
CLOSE COORDINATION WHICH OBTAINED WITH US DELEGATION. HE
FELT THAT DIALOGUE WAS WELL UNDERWAY.

2. IN RESPONSE TO DCM'S QUESTION ABOUT OUTLOOK FOR
MINISTERIAL MEETING, WELLENSTEIN STATED HIS BELIEF THAT IT
WAS UNLIKELY THAT MINISTERIAL MEETING WOULD HAVE TO FACE ANY
MAJOR PROBLEMS. WHILE THE COMPROMISE REACHED AT PREPCON
CLEARLY LEFT OPEN SEVERAL CONTENTIOUS ISSUES, HE BELIEVED
THERE WAS SUFFICIENT UNDERSTANDING AMONG PARTICIPANTS ON
BOTH SIDES THAT IF ANYONE CHOSE TO RAISE MAJOR PROBLEMS
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AT MINISTERIAL, BURDEN FOR POTENTIAL DISRUPTION OF

ATMOSPHERE WOULD CLEARLY REST ON THAT COUNTRY AND WOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED BY OTHERS.

3. WELLENSTEIN CLEARLY RECOGNIZED NEED FOR CLOSE COORDINATION AMONG PARTICIPATING INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AS WE MOVE INTO THE PHASE OF DISCUSSIONS IN FOUR COMMISSIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, HIS OWN VIEW WAS THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE FOR ANY OF THE MAJOR PARTICIPANTS (US, EC OF JAPAN) TO SEEK COCHAIRMANSHIP OF ANY OF THESE COMMISSIONS. SUCH A POSITION COULD RESTRICT FREEDOM OF ACTION AND, BECAUSE CHAIRMANSHIP WOULD ROTATE WITH LDC REPRESENTATIVE, WOULD NOT INSURE ENOUGH CONTROL OVER COMMISSION TO MAKE CHAIRMANSHIP WORTHWHILE. WELLENSTEIN LOOKED FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THESE AND OTHER ISSUES IN GREATER DEPTH DURING US/EC CONSULTATIONS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 18 AND 19. GREENWALD

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